

Alaska Local and Regional Information

Workforce Info

Ester

Ester is an unincorporated CDP located about 9 miles west of Fairbanks on the Parks Highway. Ester is part of the Fairbanks North Star Borough.

- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 1,982, a gain of about 302 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 68 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ State Government was the main industry in 2008, employing 24 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

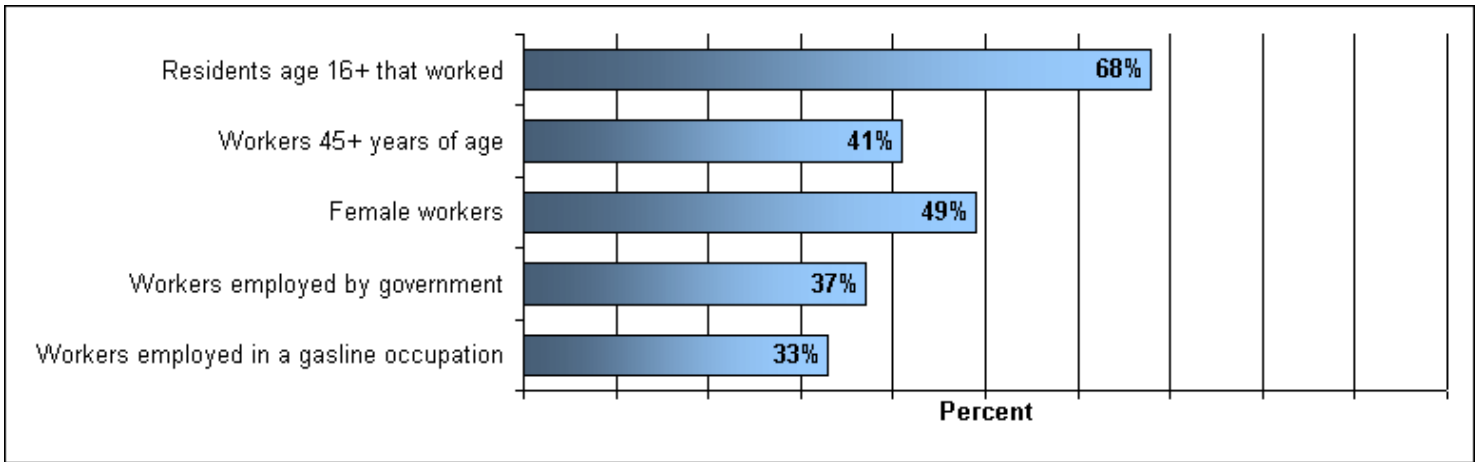
Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

Ester Resident Snapshot (2008)

Working Age Residents		Wages	
Residents age 16+	1,461	Total wages	\$36,341,888
Resident Worker Characteristics		Resident Workers by Sector	
Total	989	Private	628
Male	500	State government	240
Female	488	Local government	121
Age 45+	409	Quarterly Number of Resident Workers	
Age 50+	283	Peak (2nd) quarter workers	902
		Percent working all 4 quarters	68.3%
Unemployment		Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008)	
UI Claimants	108	Some construction	204
		At least 1 year construction	132
New Hires		At least 2 years construction	95
New hires	330	Worked in an AGIA occupation	643

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2008 Residents

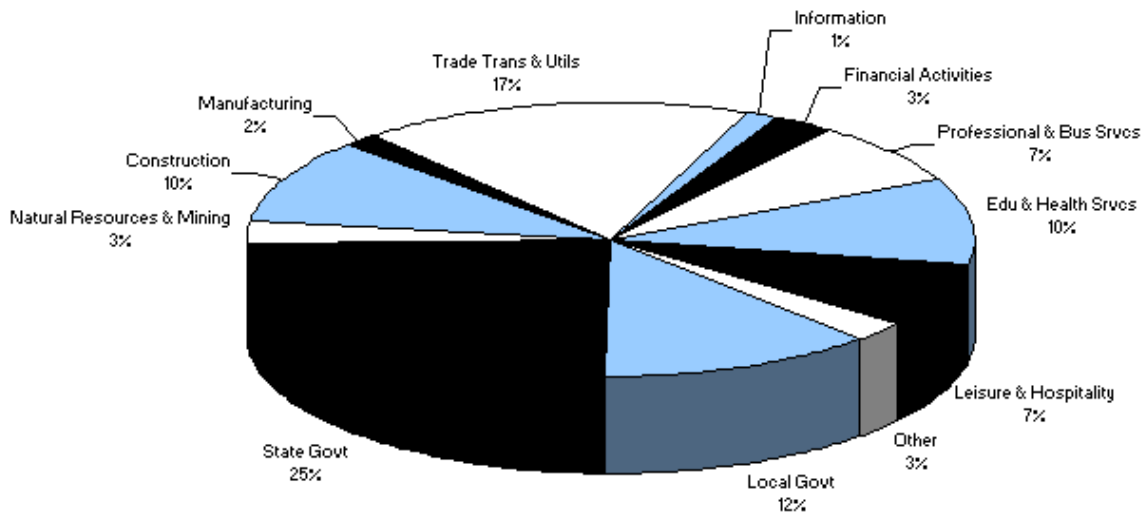


Top Occupations

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Retail Salespersons	42	52.4%	12	9
Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other AGIA	33	60.6%	6	5
Teacher Assistants	25	84.0%	12	8
Construction Laborers AGIA HOT JOB	23	4.3%	7	5
Carpenters AGIA HOT JOB	20	0.0%	8	4
Life, Physical, and Social Science Technicians, All Other	19	47.4%	0	0
Office Clerks, General AGIA	19	78.9%	8	7
Cashiers	19	63.2%	3	2
Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers, Hand AGIA	15	13.3%	4	3
Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including Fast Food	15	73.3%	0	0
Operating Engineers and Other Construction Equipment Operators AGIA HOT JOB	14	28.6%	8	5
Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education HOT JOB	13	69.2%	10	7
Teachers and Instructors, All Other	12	91.7%	5	5
Business Teachers, Postsecondary	11	54.5%	5	5
Biological Technicians	11	63.6%	3	1
Plumbers, Pipefitters, and Steamfitters AGIA HOT JOB	11	9.1%	5	3
Truck Drivers, Heavy and Tractor-Trailer AGIA HOT JOB	11	0.0%	4	4
Secretaries, Except Legal, Medical, and Executive	11	90.9%	4	0
General and Operations Managers	11	63.6%	7	6
Managers, All Other AGIA	11	50.0%	7	5

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Resident Workers by Industry



Workers by Industry

	Number employed	Percent female	Age 45+	Age 50+
Natural Resources and Mining	27	11.1%	15	11
Construction	98	13.3%	34	20
Manufacturing	15	40.0%	3	1
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	173	37.0%	64	50
Information	12	16.7%	4	2
Financial Activities	29	65.5%	13	7
Professional and Business Services	73	47.2%	31	19
Educational and Health Services	102	81.4%	52	39
Leisure and Hospitality	74	54.1%	13	9
State Government	240	52.9%	106	73
Local Government	121	70.2%	66	44
Other	25	48.0%	8	8
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0

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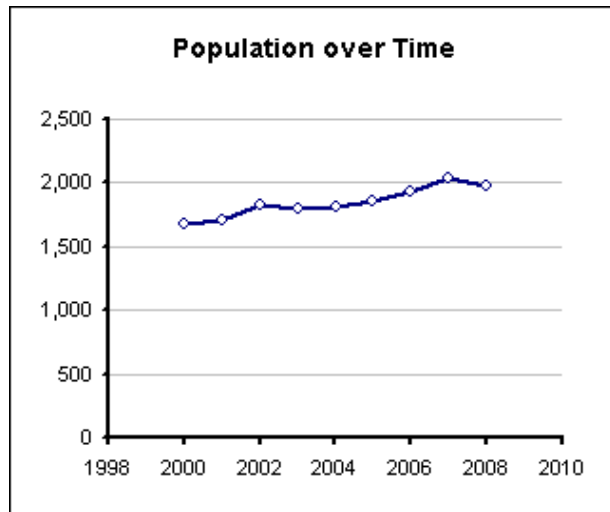
Recent Unemployment Statistics

	09/2009	10/2009	11/2009	12/2009
UI Claimants**	18	20	32	31

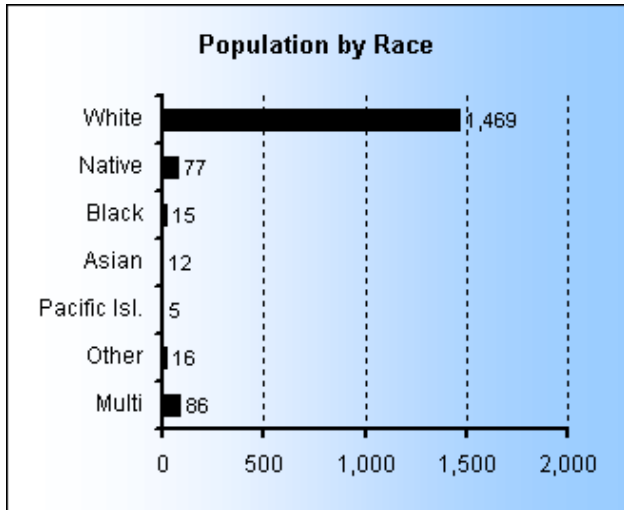
**UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

University of AK
Fairbanks North Star School District
State of AK (excludes U of A)
FBKS North Star Borough
Fred Meyer Stores Inc
Banner Health System
Tanana Chiefs Conference
City of Fairbanks
Golden Valley Elec Assn Inc
AK Airlines Inc
Alyeska Pipeline Svc Co Inc
Fountainhead Development Inc



2000 Census	
Median Age	34.1
Average Family Size	2.9
Average Household Size	2.2
Per Capita Income	\$29,155
Median Family Income	\$73,750
Median Household Income	\$50,461



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

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